

# Oklahoma Septic Tank Remediation Program

## What is the Septic Remediation Program?

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC), with funding through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, provides technical and financial assistance to homeowners throughout the state of Oklahoma to repair or replace failing systems located near Oklahoma water bodies.

## Who is eligible to participate?

To qualify for the program, homeowners must meet the following criteria:

1. Must own and reside full time in the home
2. Septic system must be within 1,320 feet of a stream, river or lake (confirmed by Program staff)
3. Owner must make less than \$150,000 per year
4. Septic tank must be deemed as failing by a certified septic installer or by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Second homes, rental property, new construction or major remodel, or commercial use property are not eligible for this program.

## How do I know if my septic system is failing?

Septic systems do require routine maintenance be conducted. Signs of a failing septic system include pooling water, muddy soil, plumbing backups, leaks, green spongy grass in the drain field, or strong odors. Talk to a licensed professional to discuss solutions and how to avoid future problems. For more information on septic systems and proper maintenance visit <http://septicsofoklahoma.com/message/publications>

## What type of assistance does the Septic Remediation Program provide?

The program may:

1. Provide funds to help in repairing or replacing a failing system in the form of a grant for up to \$15,000.
2. DEQ may provide free soil profiles for qualified applicants.
3. Direct homeowners to information about onsite wastewater systems and relevant rules.

## What is required of the homeowner?

The homeowner must:

1. Provide proof of homeownership and income level
2. Follow all DEQ rules in regards to type, size and location of the system.
3. If an advanced system, agree to provide routine maintenance as recommended for the life of the system.
4. Provide a minimum of two (2) estimates from a certified septic installer.
5. Once approved, contract with a DEQ certified septic installer, have all work completed and submit paid invoice for reimbursement.

Additional requirements are included in the complete application.

## How do I apply?

For full program requirements or to pick up an application visit your local county conservation district or visit [Oklahoma Septic Remediation Program](#).

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